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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Junichi MINATO

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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, SHARED DATA MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SHARED DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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Responsive to the notification dated December 19, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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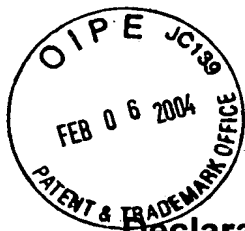
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## Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

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### Japanese Language Declaration

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下記の氏名の発明者として、私は以下の通り宣言します。

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled.

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, SHARED DATA  
MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SHARED DATA  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

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10/658,273 and was amended on

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)  
外国での先行出願

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I hereby claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Priority Claimed  
優先権主張

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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| <u>No.2002-275979</u> | <u>Japan</u> | <u>20/September/2002</u> | Yes |
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委任状：私は下記の発明者として、本出願に関する一切の手続きを米特許商標局に対して遂行する弁理士または代理人として、下記の者を指名いたします。  
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